

Each AFAP success story originated as an idea that someone decided to pursue.

Proof that AFAP works:

Army-Wide Issue Resolution:

- ♦ *90 day stabilization upon redeployment*
- ♦ *A military savings plan was authorized and implemented (TSP)*
- ♦ *A vehicle can be stored at government expense when a Soldier is reassigned to an area where shipment isn't authorized*
- ♦ *Family Separation Allowance has been increased from \$75 to \$250*
- ♦ *TLE was authorized for 1st term enlisted personnel and is being pursued for 1st term officers*
- ♦ *Family Support Groups were institutionalized*

**Take charge of your Army life.
Be informed.**

Check out the ACS web page at

<http://www.baumholderacs.blogspot.com/>
and click on Army Family Action Plan.

You can view:

- ♦ The Baumholder Active Issue Update Book
- ♦ Steering Committee Minutes

The AFAP Conference provides a forum where the Army Family identifies and prioritizes issues that are critical to improving Army life. Participants provide solutions to the issues they consider most important.

Issues to be included in the 2011 AFAP Conference must be received by AFAP staff no later than 1 October 2011.

For additional information or to become a part of the AFAP process, contact:

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Individuals requiring accommodations due to a medical disability should contact AFAP office no later than 1 October 2011.



AFAP :
***Your voice in the
Army's future***



USAG Baumholder Army Family Action Plan



***AFAP Conference
19-20 October 2011
Rheinlander Club***

What is AFAP?

The Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) is a grassroots, Army-wide initiative which allows the entire Army Family (Soldiers, Retirees, DA Civilians, National Guard, Reserves and Family Members) the opportunity to tell Army leadership what is working and what isn't; AND what they think will fix it. AFAP alerts Army leaders to areas of concern that need attention and gives them the opportunity to quickly put plans into place to resolve the issues.



How Does AFAP Work?

Local installations host AFAP forums annually. The Army Family identifies issues which they believe are important to maintain a good standard of living. Local Commanders strongly support issue resolution. About 90% of AFAP issues are retained and worked on at local levels, resulting in ongoing community improvements. Issues beyond the local level are forwarded to the Headquarters Department of the Army (HQDA). At HQDA, delegates from across the Army determine which issues will be addressed in the AFAP. Issues that are selected for the AFAP are worked toward resolution by a board of key DoD and Army staff general officers and senior executive service representatives (General Officer Steering Committee or GOSC). They review the progress of AFAP issues on a semi-annual basis and make the final determination on the status of all issues. They review each issue to decide if it is resolved, unattainable, or needs to remain active until the issue's stated objectives are met.

How can I Submit an Issue?

Issue forms are available through Army Community Service or at various locations around post where you see an AFAP issue submission box. Additionally, you may submit issues via email to Ciara.luna@eur.army.mil. Issues should include a description of the problem and a suggestion for resolution. Issue forms should be complete and writing must be legible. If you wish to be contacted in reference to your issue, please include your contact information.

How Can I Participate in the Conference?



Pre-registration is required for all delegates, facilitators, recorders, issue support and observer volunteers. Position applications are available via the Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS) on www.myarmyonesource.com. In addition to registering and applying for positions, volunteers must attend associated training to ensure comprehensive understanding and the ability to work effectively throughout the conference. Volunteers are required to attend the entire conference. For volunteers with children, child care is provided by the Child Development Center. Advance reservations are required.

Positions Available:

Facilitator: Serves as the neutral steward of the group. Directs the activity of the group and stimulates discussion while helping the group to reach consensus. Should be an optimist who works well with diverse groups.

Recorder: Captures basic ideas on paper in full view of the group. Must also remain neutral while supporting the facilitator and the administrative staff. Should possess good listening skills.

Issue Support: Helps the workgroup with ideas and suggestions for clarity. Armed with a current Issue Book, ensures the group's issues are not currently being worked or has recently been worked.

Delegates: Serves as a representative of the Army Family while expressing ideas and recommending solutions for crucial issues. Must work well with diverse groups and be a team player. Delegates are the backbone of the symposium.

We need star performers!

We are seeking optimistic people to help us do the job right. If you care about the well-being of the Army and want to make a difference in the USAG Baumholder community, please review the position details and decide where you can best serve.

We need you!